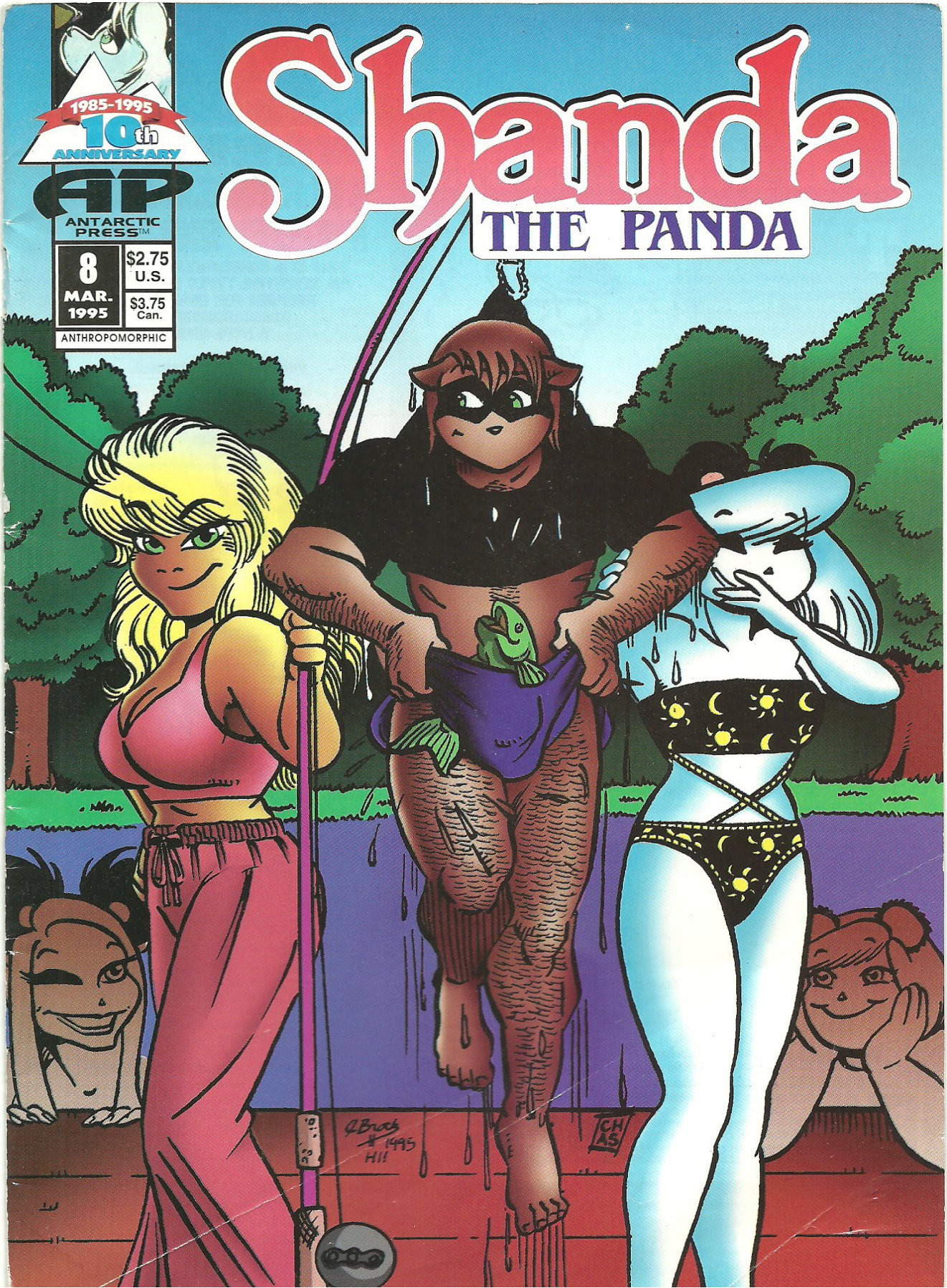
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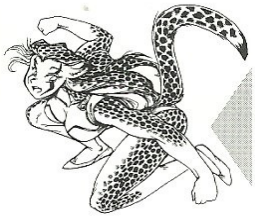

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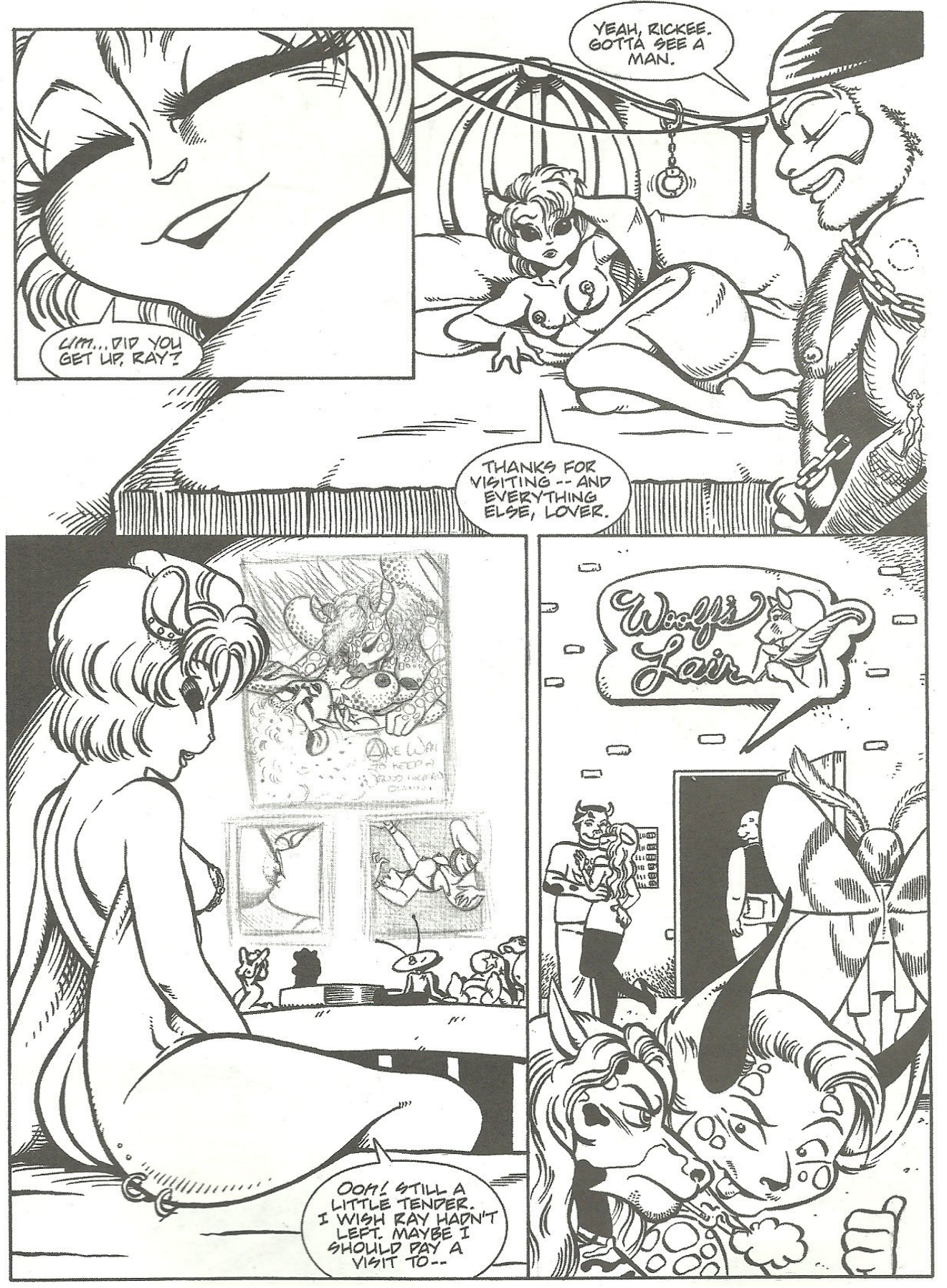
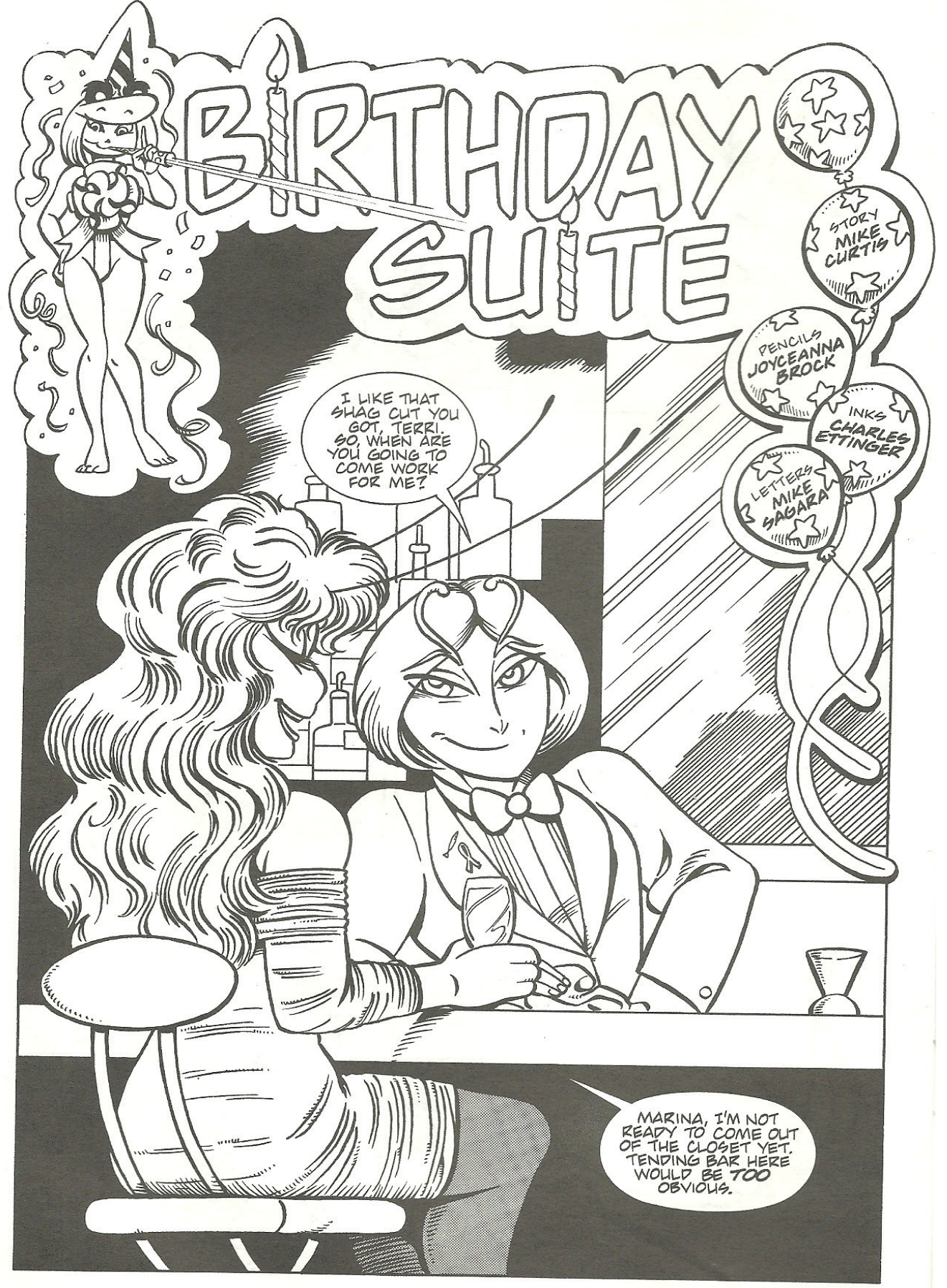

UM... DID YOU GET UP, RAY?
YEAH, RICKEE. GOTTA SEE A MAN.
THANKS FOR VISITING -- AND EVERYTHING ELSE, LOVER.
OOH! STILL A LITTLE TENDER. I WISH RAY HADN'T LEFT. MAYBE I SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO--
Woolf's Lair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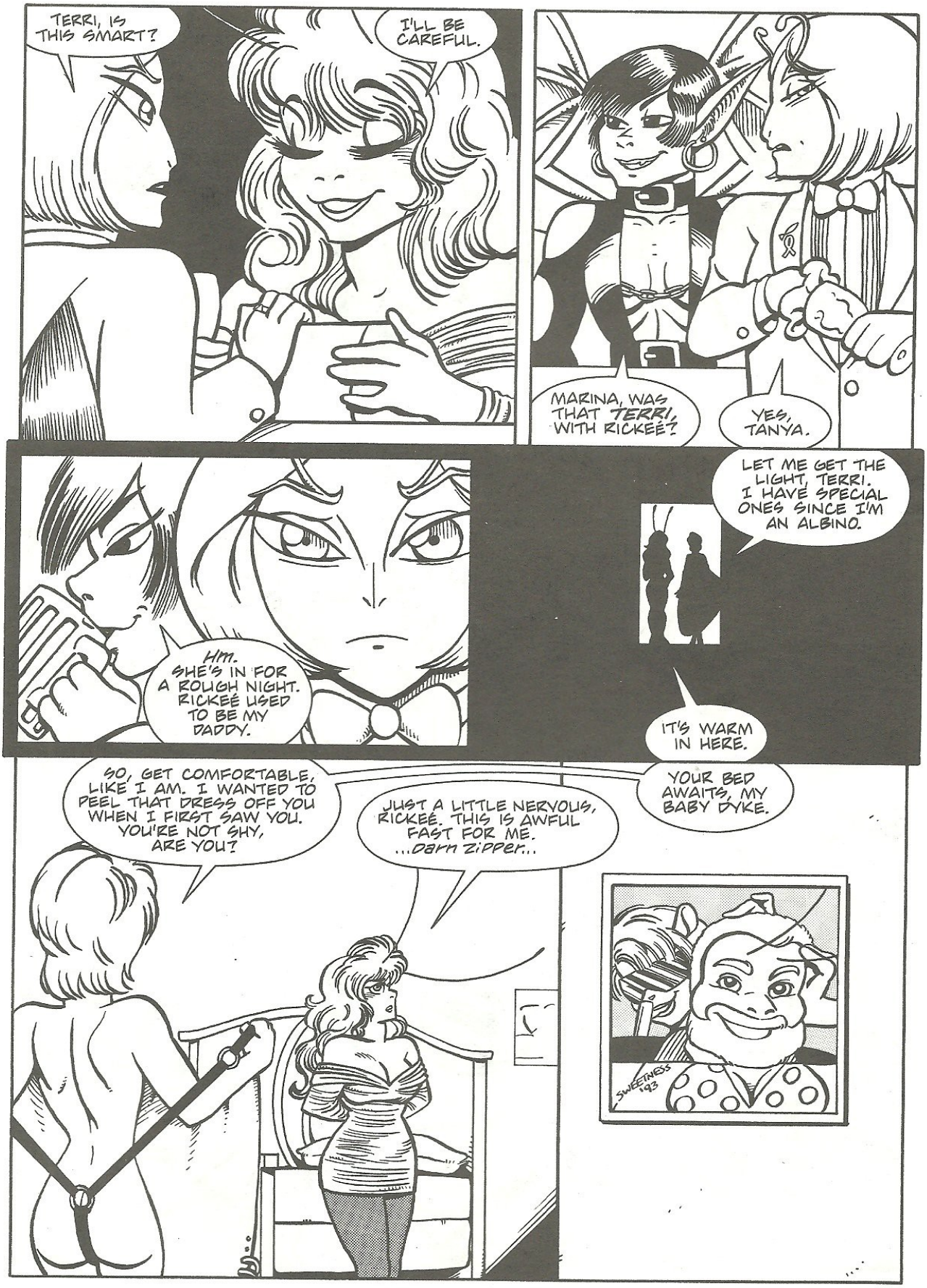
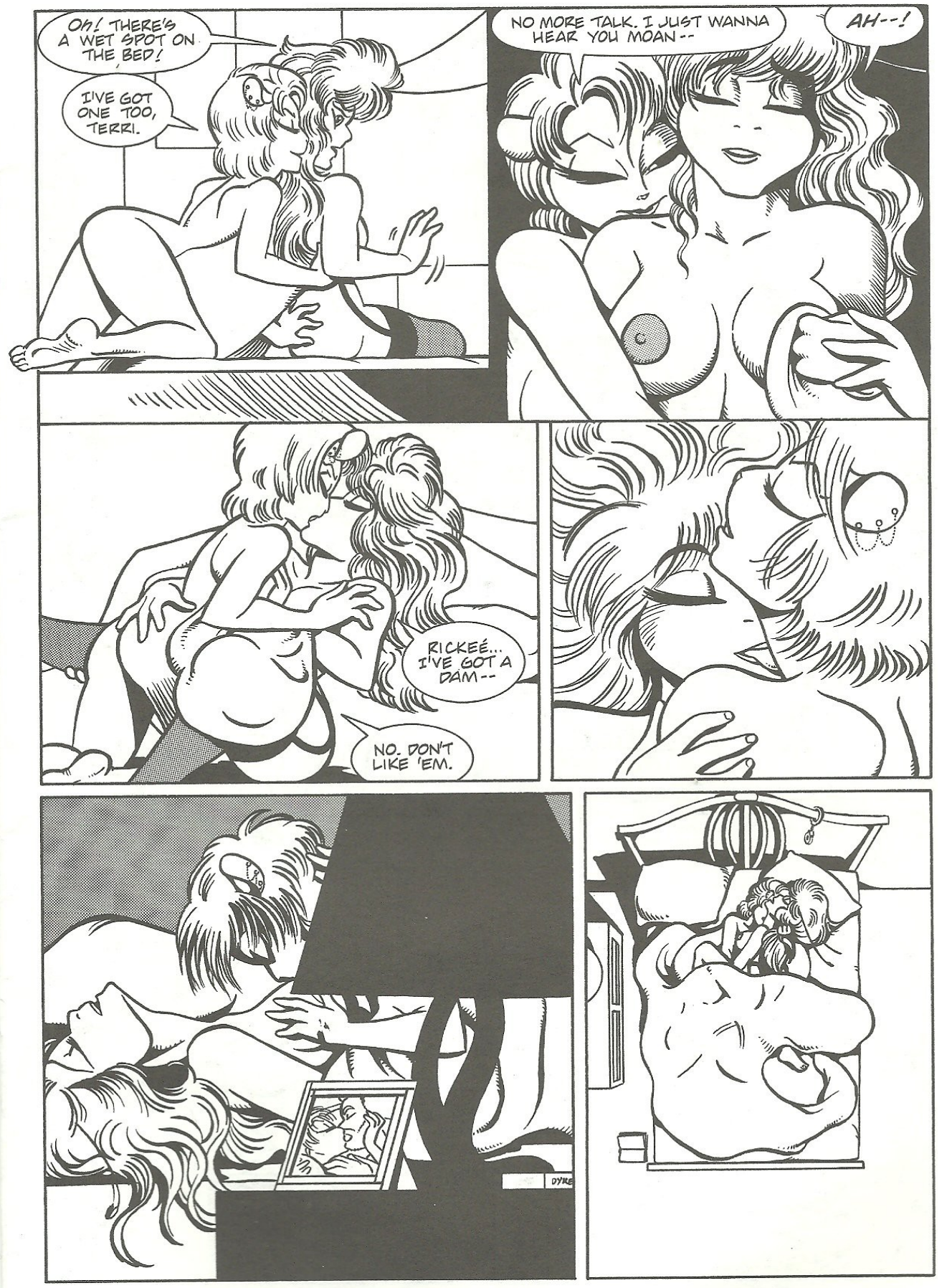
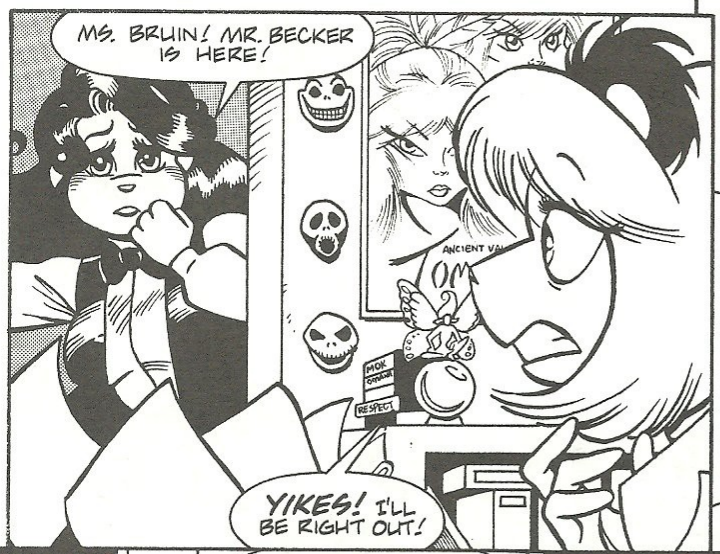
STORY MIKE CURTIS
PENCILS JOYCEANNA BROCK
INKS CHARLES ETTINGER
LETTERS MIKE SAGARA
I LIKE THAT SHAG CUT YOU GOT, TERRI. SO, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO COME WORK FOR ME?
MARINA, I'M NOT READY TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET YET. TENDING BAR HERE WOULD BE TOO OBVIOUS.

OH, RICKEÉ'S HERE.
WHO?
OHMIGOD! THAT BLACK LEATHER AND WING MEMBRANES--
YOU REALLY ARE A FUR FEMME, TERRI!
PARDON ME.
I REALLY LIKE YOUR OUTFIT. CAN I BUY YOU A DRINK?
NO, I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR A DRINK. I CAME HERE FOR A WOMAN.
AND I'VE GOT A VERY COMFORTABLE BED WAITING... COMING WITH ME?
I'LL GET MY PURSE...


TERRI, IS THIS SMART?
I'LL BE CAREFUL.
MARINA, WAS THAT TERRI, WITH RICKEÉ?
YES, TANYA.
HM. SHE'S IN FOR A ROUGH NIGHT. RICKEÉ USED TO BE MY DADDY.
LET ME GET THE LIGHT, TERRI. I HAVE SPECIAL ONES SINCE I'M AN ALBINO.
IT'S WARM IN HERE.
YOUR BED AWAITS, MY BABY DYKE.
SO, GET COMFORTABLE, LIKE I AM. I WANTED TO PEEL THAT DRESS OFF YOU WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU. YOU'RE NOT SHY, ARE YOU?
JUST A LITTLE NERVOUS, RICKEÉ. THIS IS AWFUL FAST FOR ME. ...DARN ZIPPER...
SWEETNESS '93


OH! THERE'S A WET SPOT ON THE BED!
I'VE GOT ONE TOO, TERRI.
NO MORE TALK. I JUST WANNA HEAR YOU MOAN--
AH--!
RICKEÉ... I'VE GOT A DAM--
NO. DON'T LIKE 'EM.
DYRE

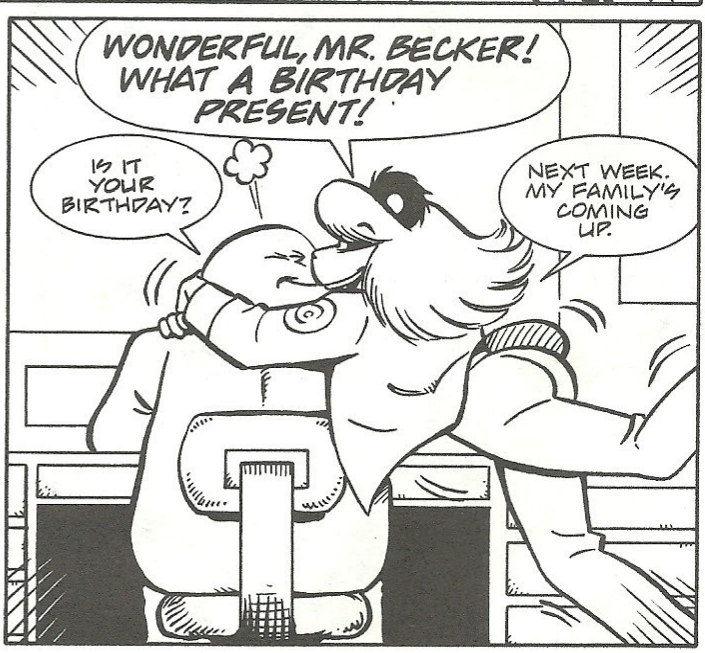

MS. BRUIN! MR. BECKER IS HERE!
YIKES! I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!
RESPECT

MR. BECKER! YOU SURPRISED US!
THAT'S THE IDEA, LET'S GO TO YOUR OFFICE.
G'DAY

SHANDA, I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A BIG CHANGE HERE.
HAS MY WORK BEEN SATISFACTORY, SIR?

OF COURSE, BUT YOU CAN'T MANAGE THE TRIO MUCH LONGER--
OH.

WE'RE ADDING TWO SCREENS AND GIVING YOU A $150 A WEEK RAISE.
A FIVE SCREEN?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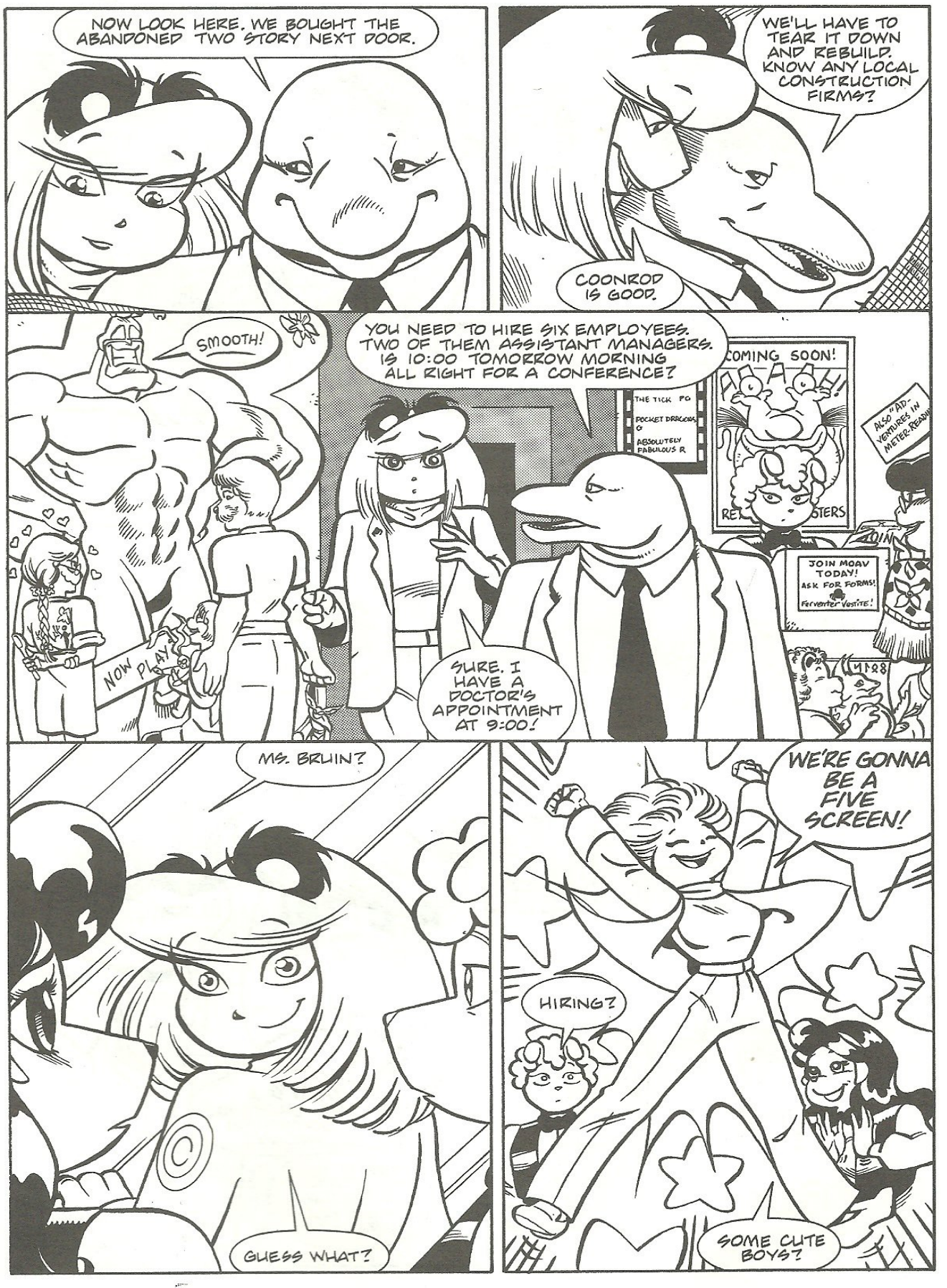
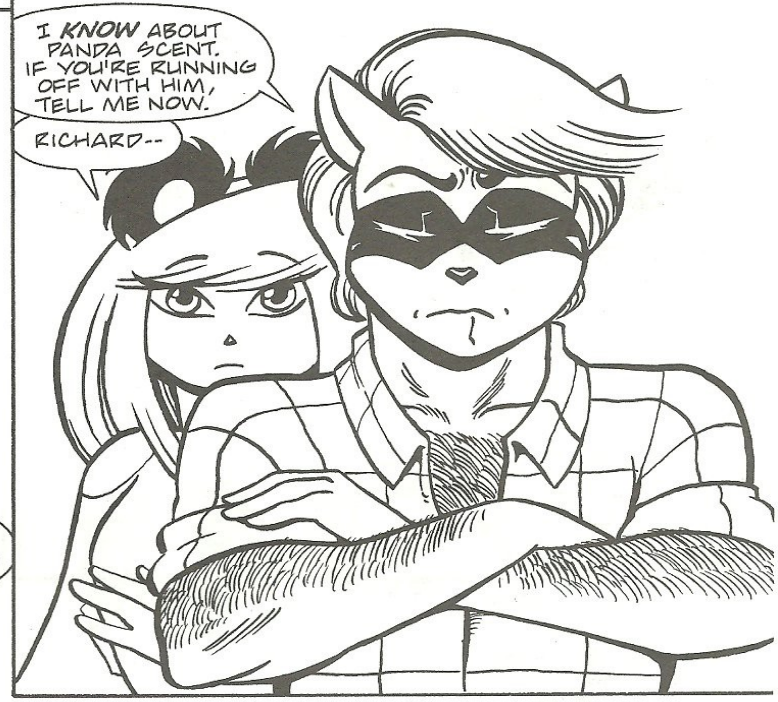
IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY?
NEXT WEEK. MY FAMILY'S COMING UP.


NOW LOOK HERE. WE BOUGHT THE ABANDONED TWO STORY NEXT DOOR.
WE'LL HAVE TO TEAR IT DOWN AND REBUILD. KNOW ANY LOCAL CONSTRUCTION FIRMS?
COONROD IS GOOD.
SMOOTH!
YOU NEED TO HIRE SIX EMPLOYEES. TWO OF THEM ASSISTANT MANAGERS. IS 10:00 TOMORROW MORNING ALL RIGHT FOR A CONFERENCE?
COMING SOON!
THE TICK
POCKET DRAGONS
ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS
ALSO "ADVENTURES IN METER READING"
JOIN MOAV TODAY! ASK FOR FORMS!
NOW PLAYING
SURE. I HAVE A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT AT 9:00!
MS. BRUIN?
GUESS WHAT?
WE'RE GONNA BE A FIVE SCREEN!
HIRING?
SOME CUTE BOYS?

RING
MORNIN', DARLIN'!
RICHARD, CAN YOU COME TO MY HOUSE AT 8 a.m.?
SURE, DARLIN'! G'NIGHT.
THAT'S A COOL GREETING! SOMETHING WRONG?
YES, IT IS. SOMETHING HAPPENED WHILE YOU WERE GONE.

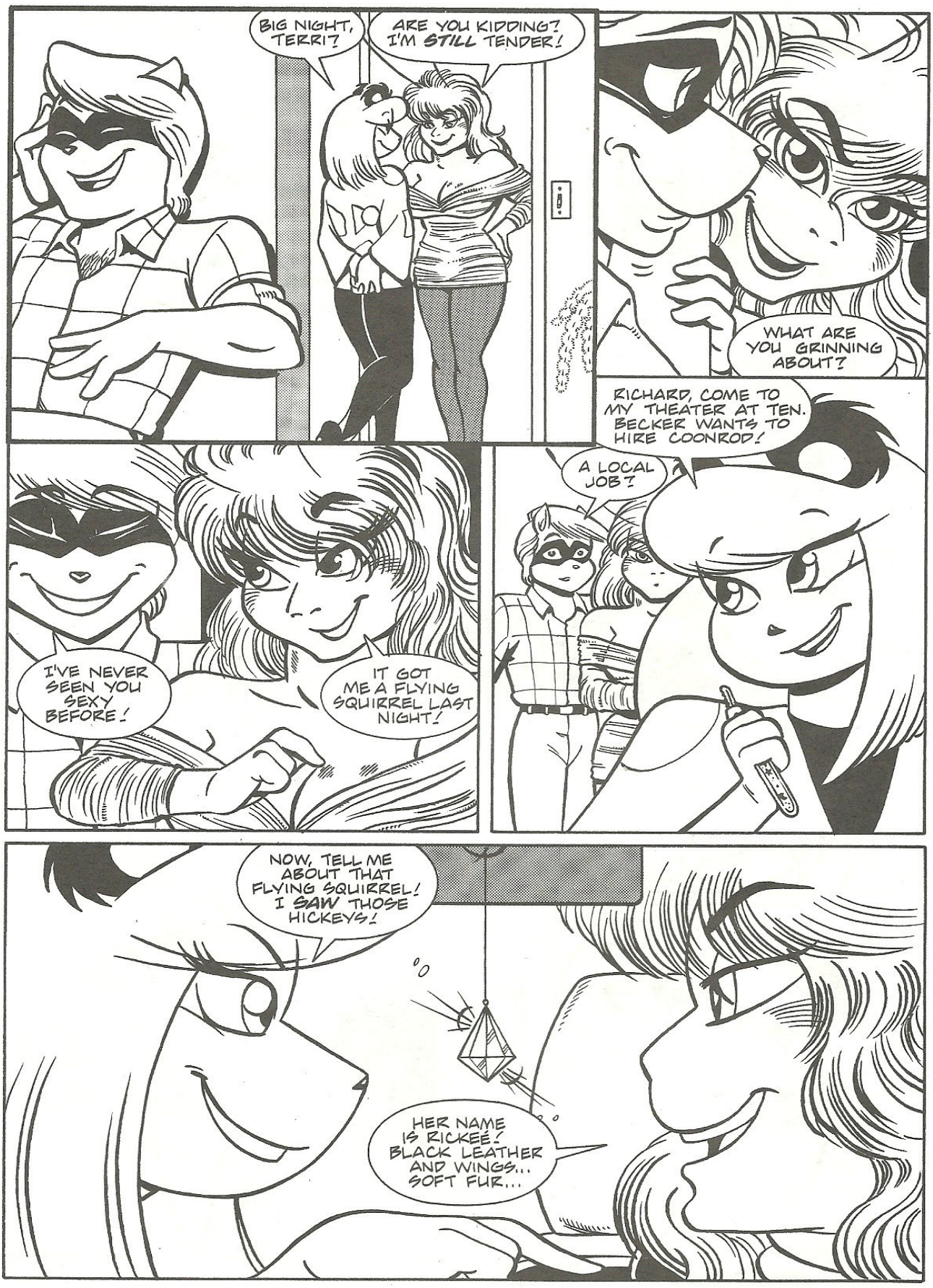
I MET THIS TRAINEE MANAGER-- A CHINESE MANAGER--
STOP RIGHT THERE!

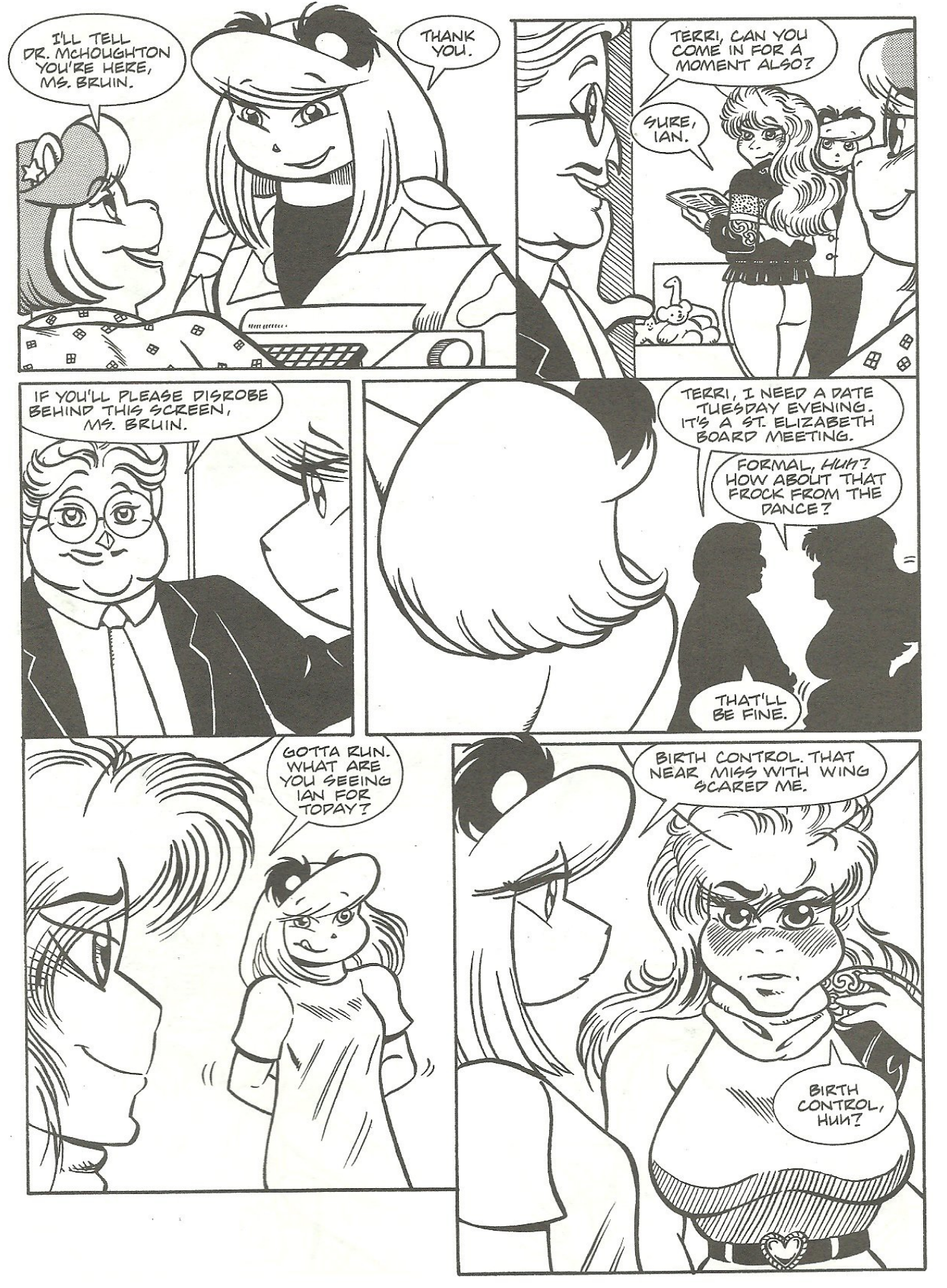

I KNOW ABOUT PANDA SCENT. IF YOU'RE RUNNING OFF WITH HIM, TELL ME NOW.
RICHARD--

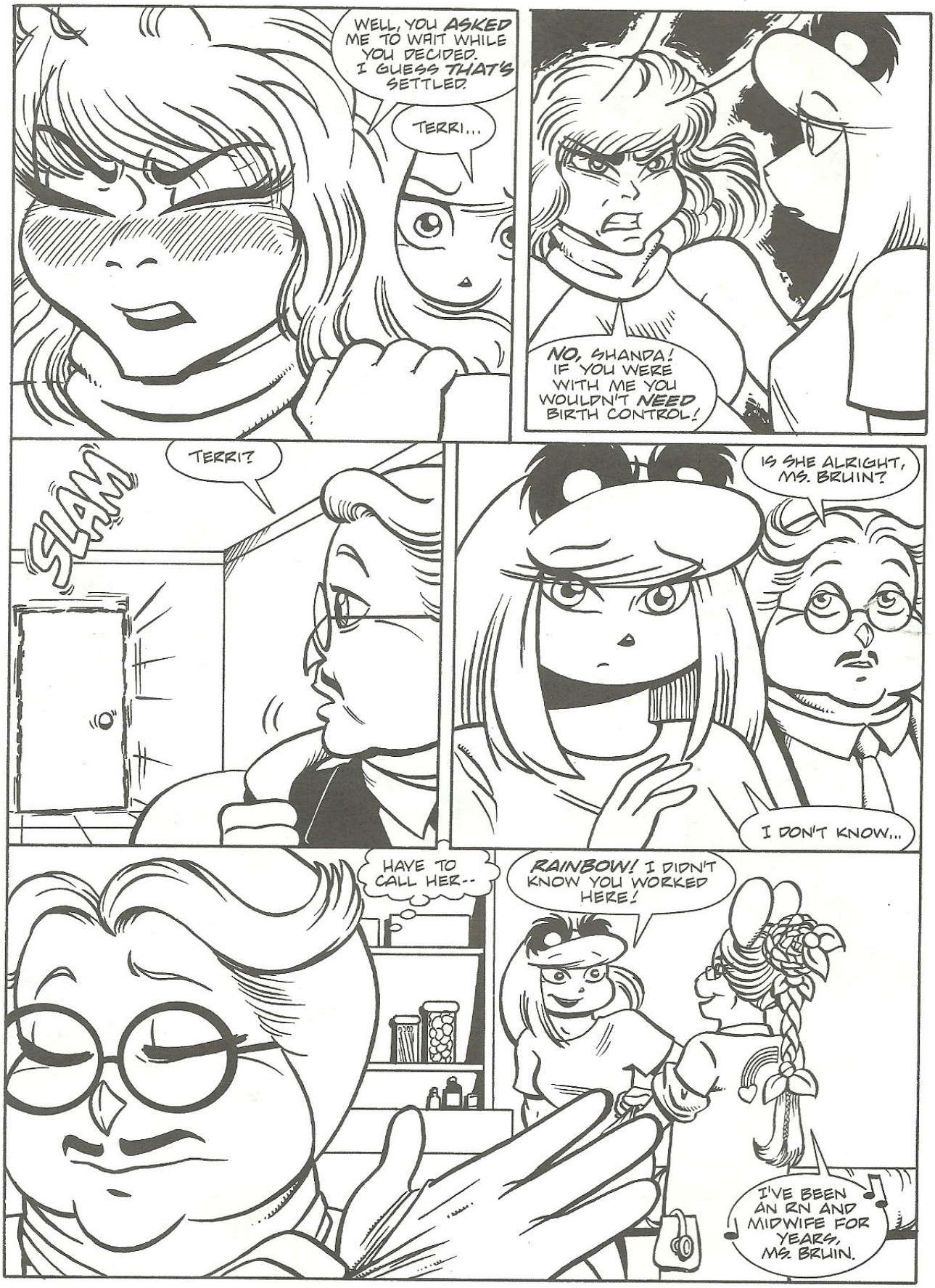
I FOUGHT HIM OFF.
OH.

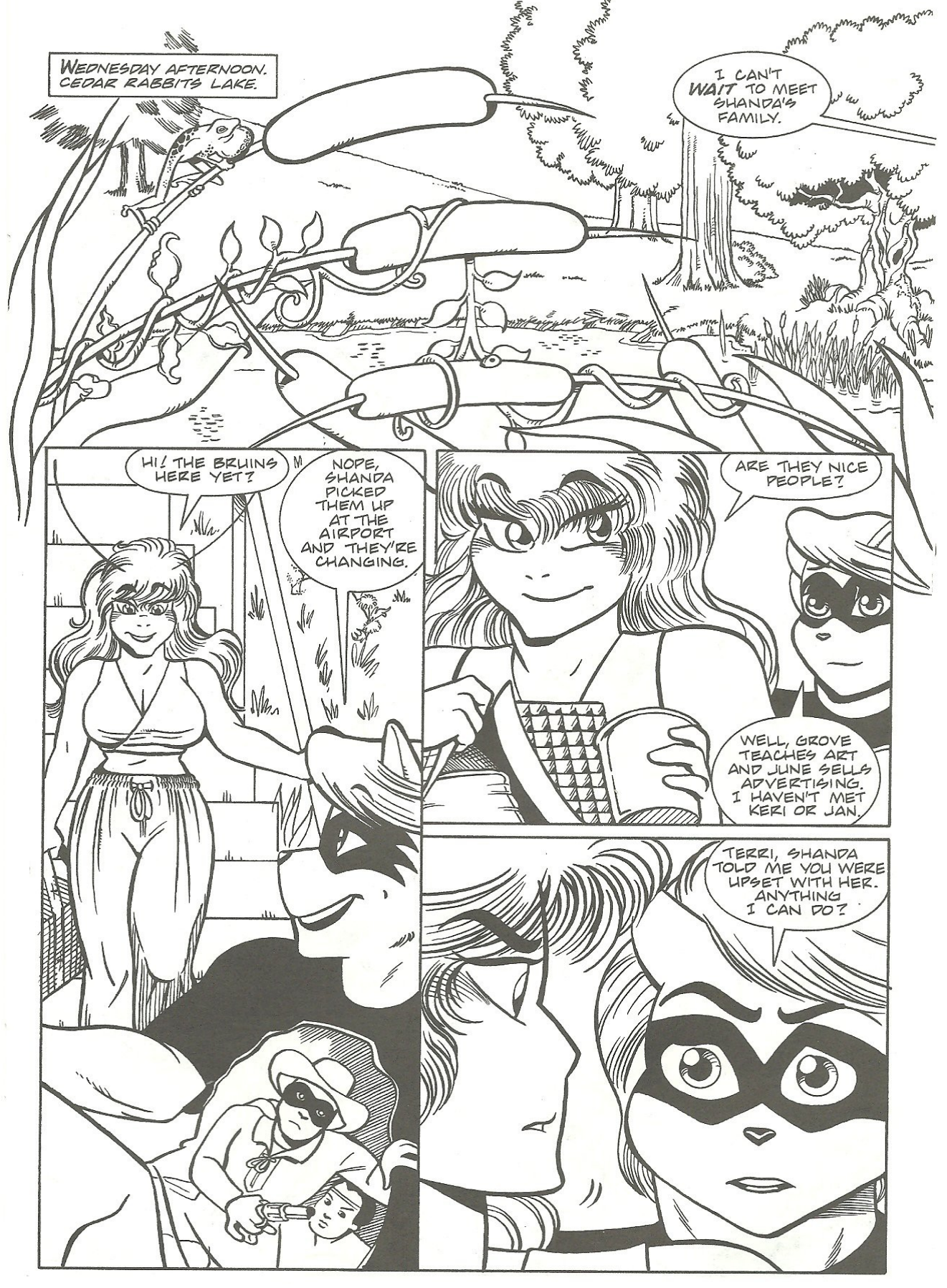
UH, DARLIN'-- SHE LOOKS--
YEAH, SHE DOES.

WON'T YOUR DAD BE UPSET?
THAT'S HIS PROBLEM. IS THAT TERRI?


BIG NIGHT, TERRI?
ARE YOU KIDDING? I'M STILL TENDER!
WHAT ARE YOU GRINNING ABOUT?
RICHARD, COME TO MY THEATER AT TEN. BECKER WANTS TO HIRE COONROD!
A LOCAL JOB?
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SEXY BEFORE!
IT GOT ME A FLYING SQUIRREL LAST NIGHT!
NOW, TELL ME ABOUT THAT FLYING SQUIRREL! I SAW THOSE HICKEYS!
HER NAME IS RICKEE! BLACK LEATHER AND WINGS... SOFT FUR...


I'LL TELL DR. MCHOUGHTON YOU'RE HERE, MS. BRUIN.
THANK YOU.
TERRI, CAN YOU COME IN FOR A MOMENT ALSO?
SURE, IAN.
IF YOU'LL PLEASE DISROBE BEHIND THIS SCREEN, MS. BRUIN.
TERRI, I NEED A DATE TUESDAY EVENING. IT'S A ST. ELIZABETH BOARD MEETING.
FORMAL, HUH? HOW ABOUT THAT FROCK FROM THE DANCE?
THAT'LL BE FINE.
GOTTA RUN. WHAT ARE YOU SEEING IAN FOR TODAY?
BIRTH CONTROL. THAT NEAR MISS WITH WING SCARED ME.
BIRTH CONTROL, HUH?


WELL, YOU ASKED ME TO WAIT WHILE YOU DECIDED. I GUESS THAT'S SETTLED.
TERRI...
NO, SHANDA! IF YOU WERE WITH ME YOU WOULDN'T NEED BIRTH CONTROL!
TERRI?
SLAM
IS SHE ALRIGHT, MS. BRUIN?
I DON'T KNOW...
HAVE TO CALL HER--
RAINBOW! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WORKED HERE!
I'VE BEEN AN RN AND MIDWIFE FOR YEARS, MS. BRUIN.


WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. CEDAR RABBITS LAKE.
I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET SHANDA'S FAMILY.
HI! THE BRUINS HERE YET?
NOPE, SHANDA PICKED THEM UP AT THE AIRPORT AND THEY'RE CHANGING.
ARE THEY NICE PEOPLE?
WELL, GROVE TEACHES ART AND JUNE SELLS ADVERTISING. I HAVEN'T MET KERI OR JAN.
TERRI, SHANDA TOLD ME YOU WERE UPSET WITH HER. ANYTHING I CAN DO?

NO. DEFINITELY NOTHING YOU CAN DO.
YOU'VE GOT IT BAD FOR SHANDA, DON'T YOU?

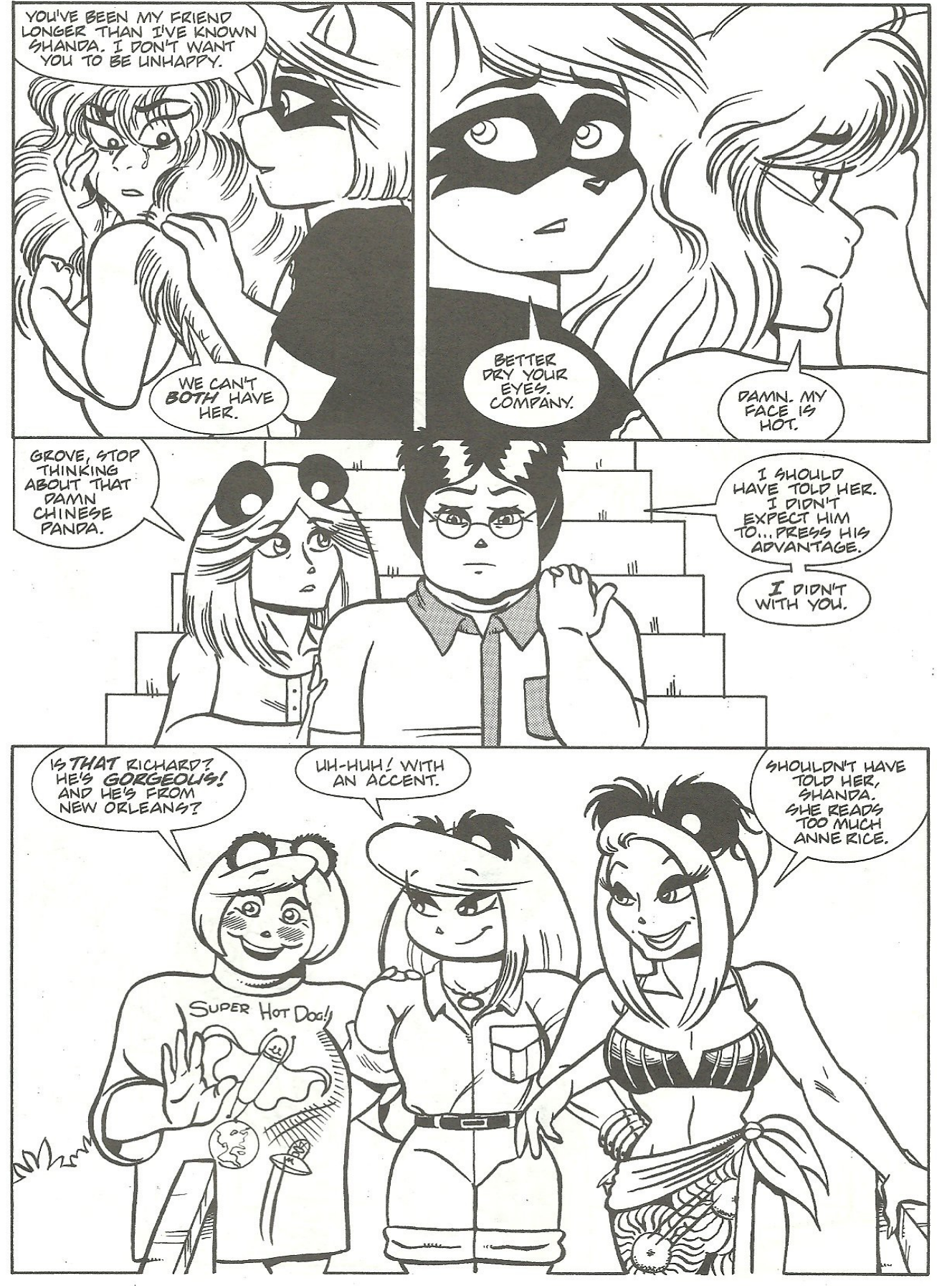
WHAT - WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT SHOWS, TERRI. THE WAY YOU LOOK AT HER.

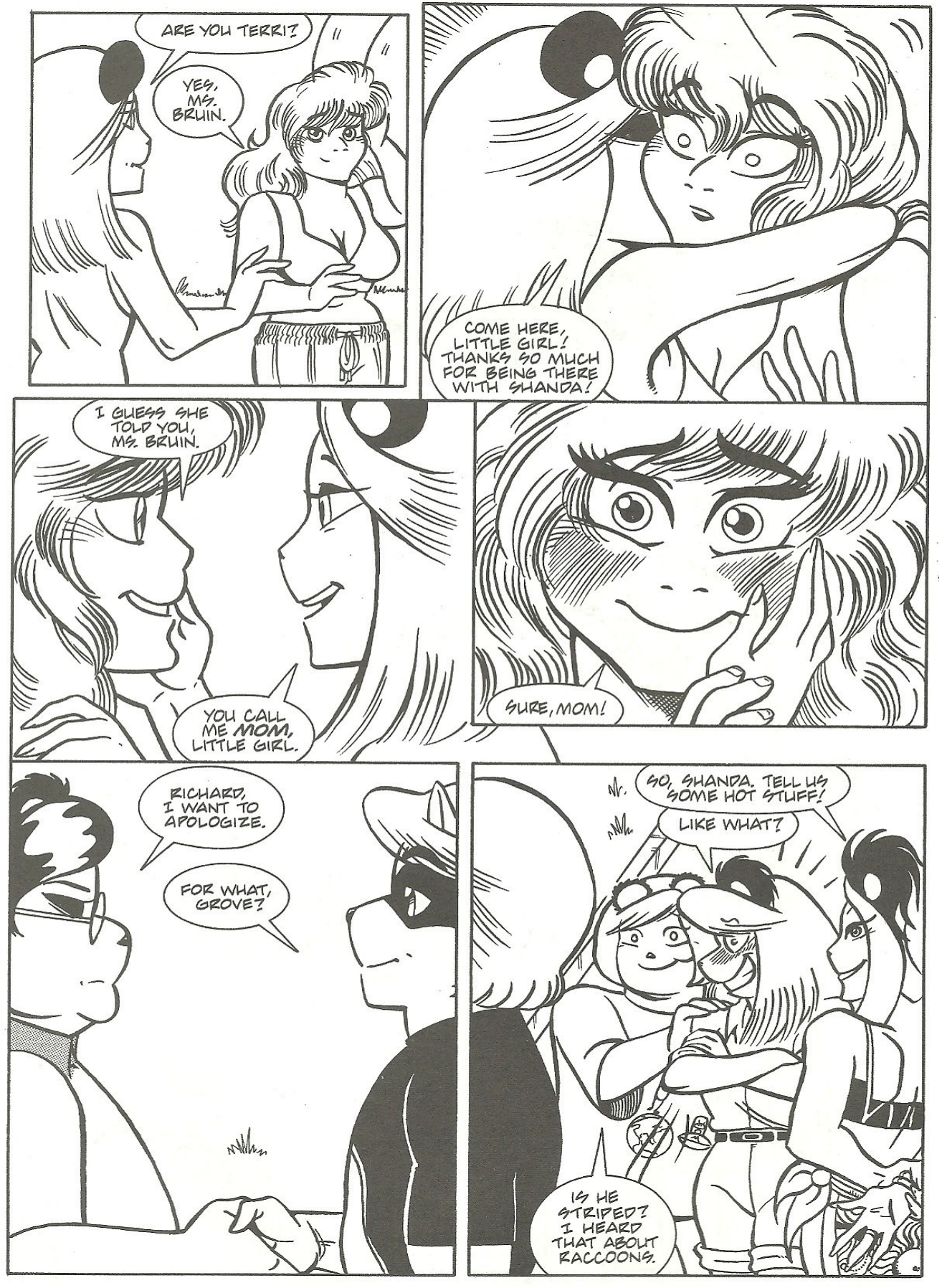
IT DOESN'T MATTER! SHE'S DECIDED ON YOU AND THAT THING BETWEEN YOUR LEGS!
OH?

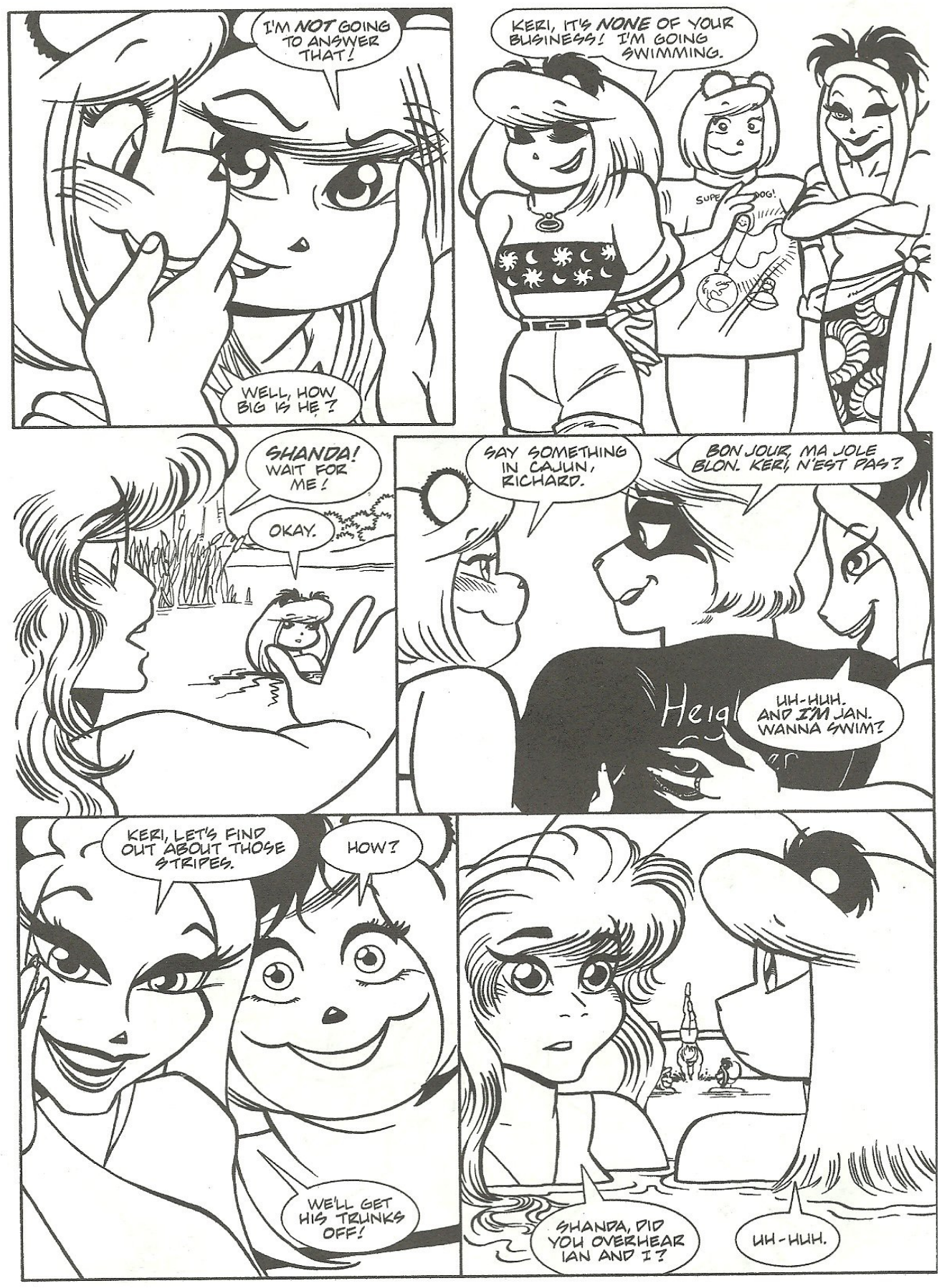
SHANDA GOT ON THE PILL. I CAN'T KNOCK HER UP, CAN I?
TERRI, I'M NOT PLANNING TO BE INTIMATE WITH HER...

GET REAL!
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER FOR A DATE?

MAYBE YOU TWO COULD GO TO WOOLF'S LAIR.
WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?


YOU'VE BEEN MY FRIEND LONGER THAN I'VE KNOWN SHANDA. I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE UNHAPPY.
WE CAN'T BOTH HAVE HER.
BETTER DRY YOUR EYES. COMPANY.
DAMN. MY FACE IS HOT.
GROVE, STOP THINKING ABOUT THAT DAMN CHINESE PANDA.
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER. I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO... PRESS HIS ADVANTAGE.
I DIDN'T WITH YOU.
IS THAT RICHARD? HE'S GORGEOUS! AND HE'S FROM NEW ORLEANS?
UH-HUH! WITH AN ACCENT.
SHOULDN'T HAVE TOLD HER, SHANDA. SHE READS TOO MUCH ANNE RICE.
SUPER HOT DOG!


ARE YOU TERRI?
YES, MS. BRUIN.
COME HERE, LITTLE GIRL! THANKS SO MUCH FOR BEING THERE WITH SHANDA!
I GUESS SHE TOLD YOU, MS. BRUIN.
YOU CALL ME MOM, LITTLE GIRL.
SURE, MOM!
RICHARD, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE.
FOR WHAT, GROVE?
SO, SHANDA. TELL US SOME HOT STUFF!
LIKE WHAT?
IS HE STRIPED? I HEARD THAT ABOUT RACCOONS.

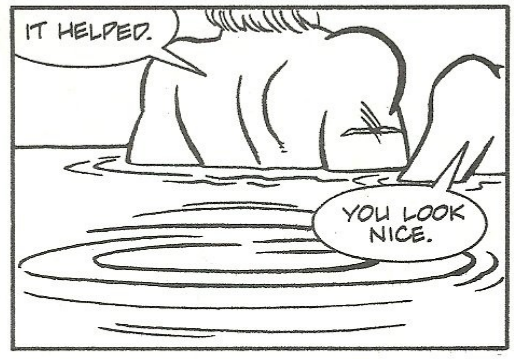

I'M NOT GOING TO ANSWER THAT!
WELL, HOW BIG IS HE?
KERI, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! I'M GOING SWIMMING.
SHANDA! WAIT FOR ME!
OKAY.
SAY SOMETHING IN CAJUN, RICHARD.
BON JOUR, MA JOLE BLON. KERI, N'EST PAS?
UH-HUH. AND I'M JAN. WANNA SWIM?
KERI, LET'S FIND OUT ABOUT THOSE STRIPES.
HOW?
WE'LL GET HIS TRUNKS OFF!
SHANDA, DID YOU OVERHEAR IAN AND I?
UH-HUH.

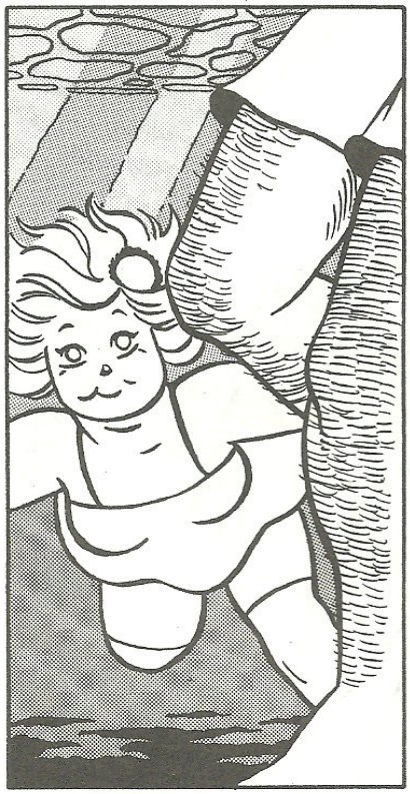
WHEN DID YOU START DATING MEN?
IAN'S GAY. WE DATE SO NOBODY'LL SUSPECT HIM.
SORRY I'VE BEEN CRANKY. PMS OR SOMETHING.
THAT'S OKAY.
WELL, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR A DATE...
TO WOOLF'S LAIR? I'VE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT IT.
REALLY? IT'S A DATE, YOU KNOW!
UH-HUH. I KNOW.
WE'RE ALL ALONE BACK HERE... COULD I KISS YOU?

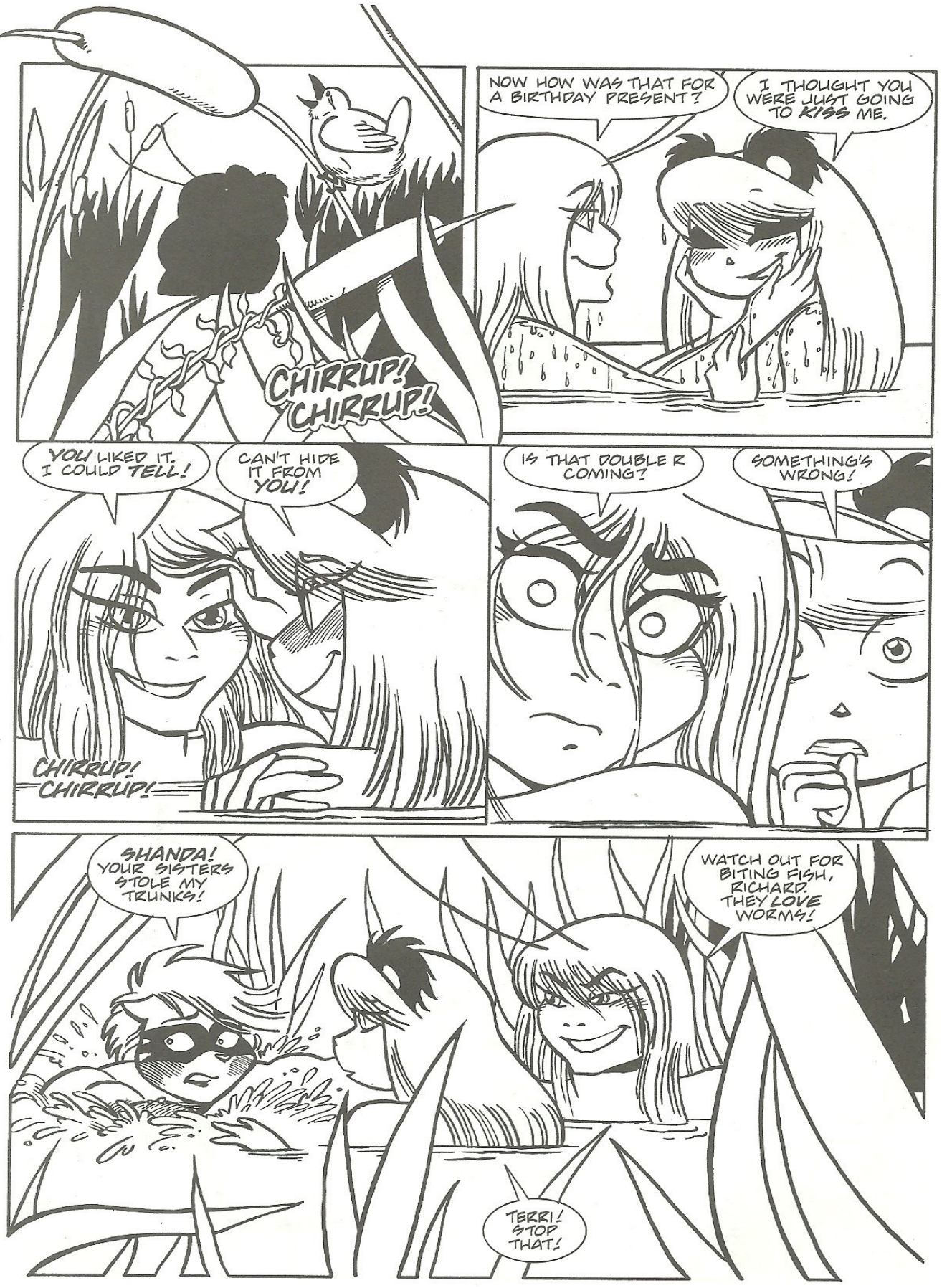
ISN'T TERRI SWEET?
I'M GLAD SHE WAS THERE WHEN SHANDA NEEDED HER.

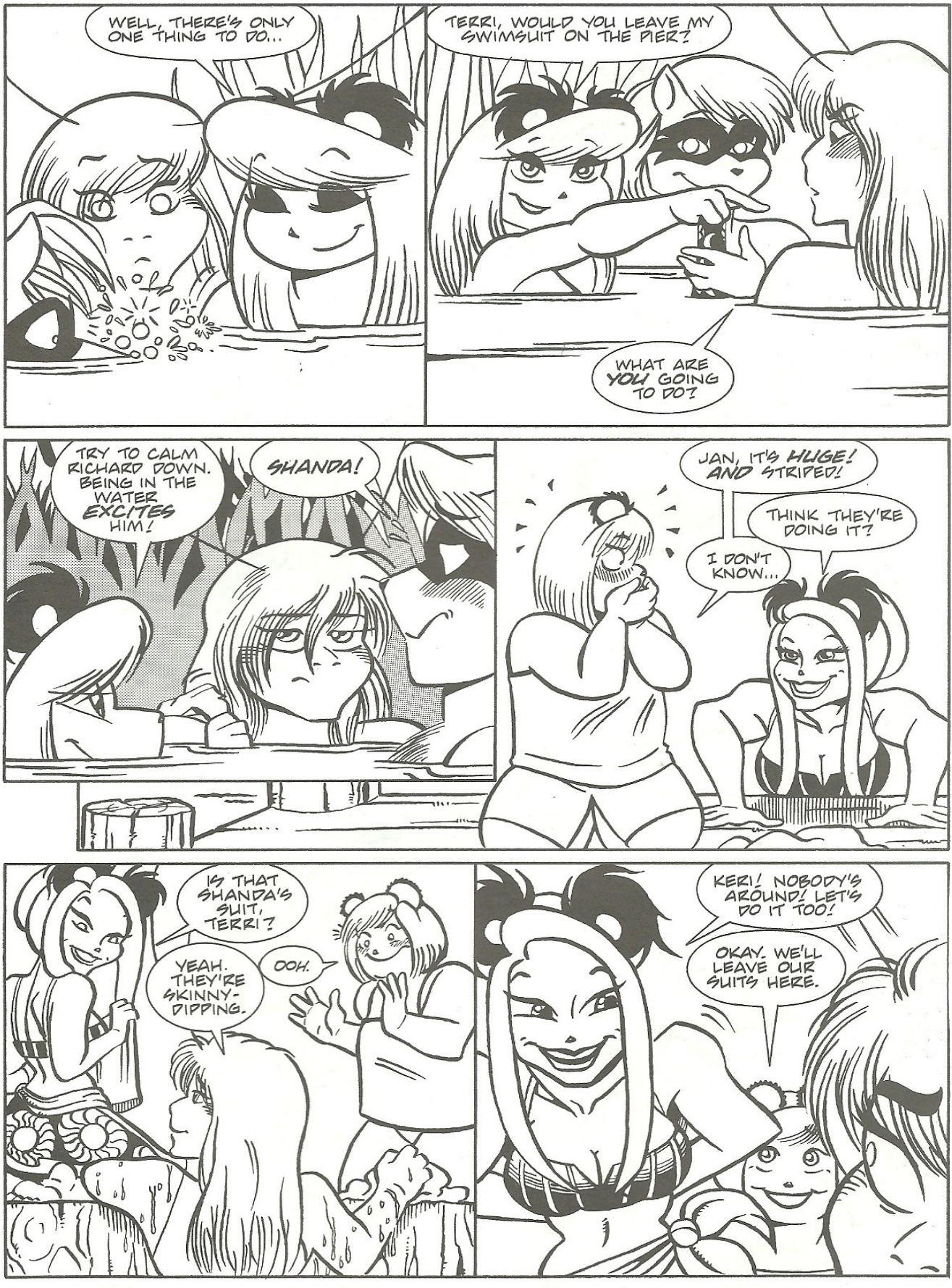
NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT US. I'M IN MY CYCLE, YOU KNOW.
BUT THE GIRLS ARE SLEEPING IN OUR ROOM...

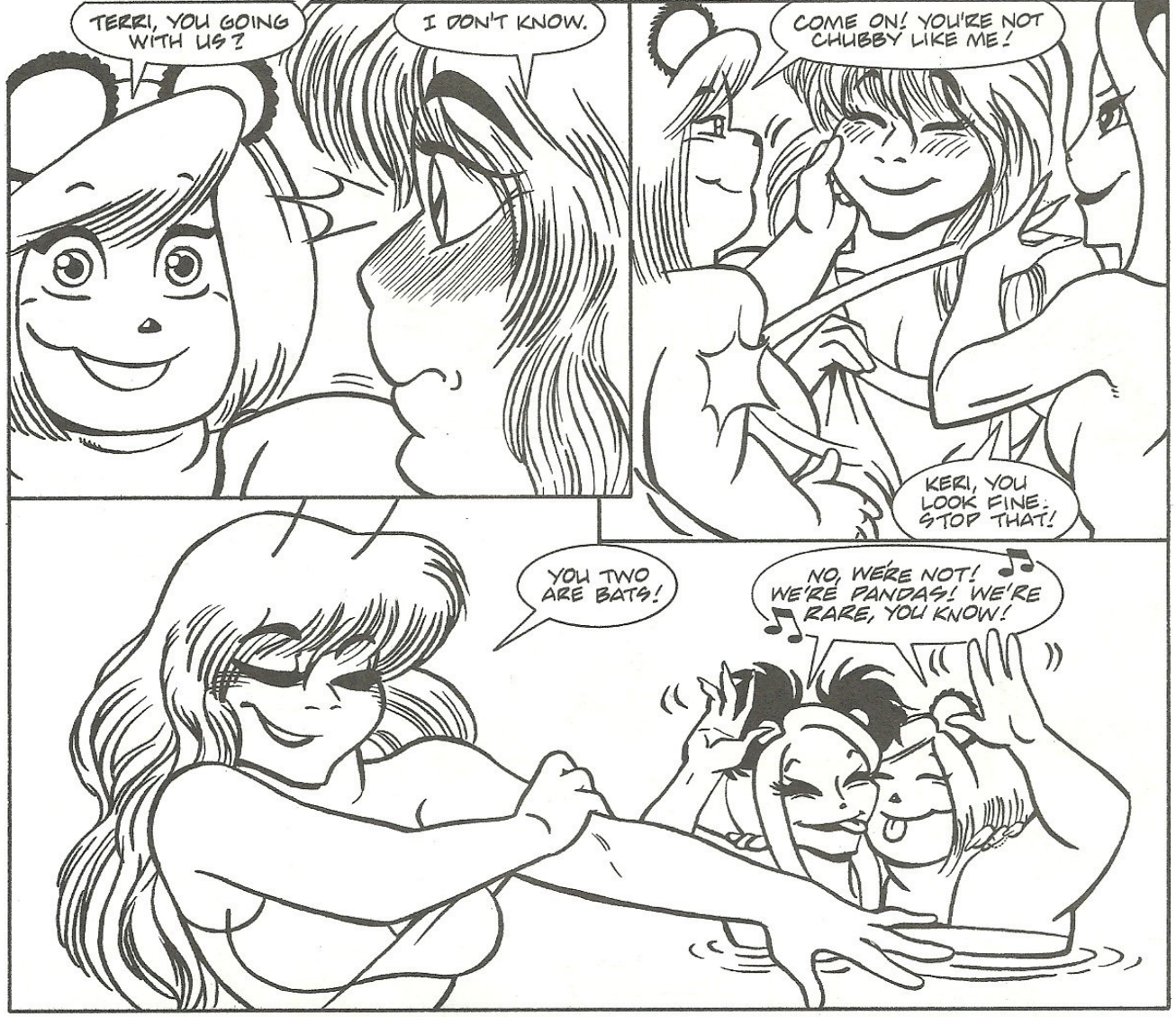
SO, RICHARD, DID YOU GET THOSE MUSCLES DOING CONSTRUCTION?


IT HELPED.
YOU LOOK NICE.

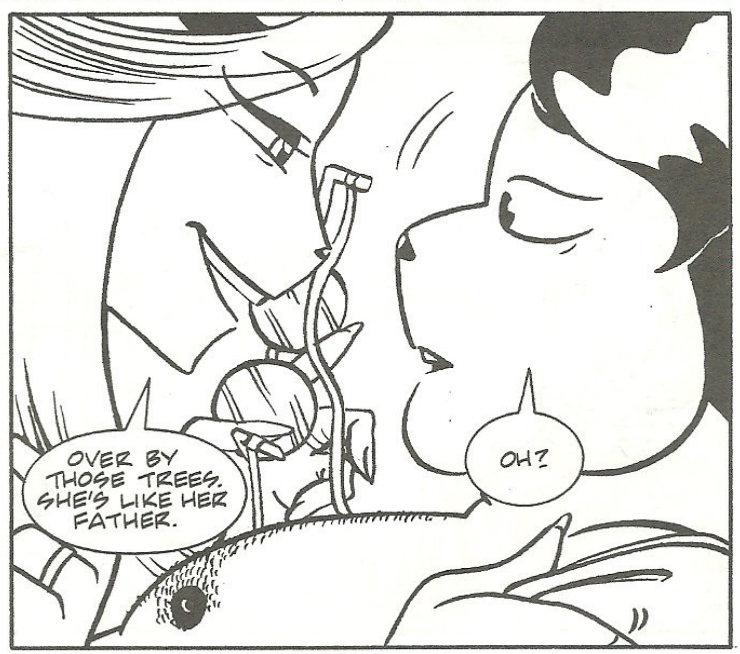


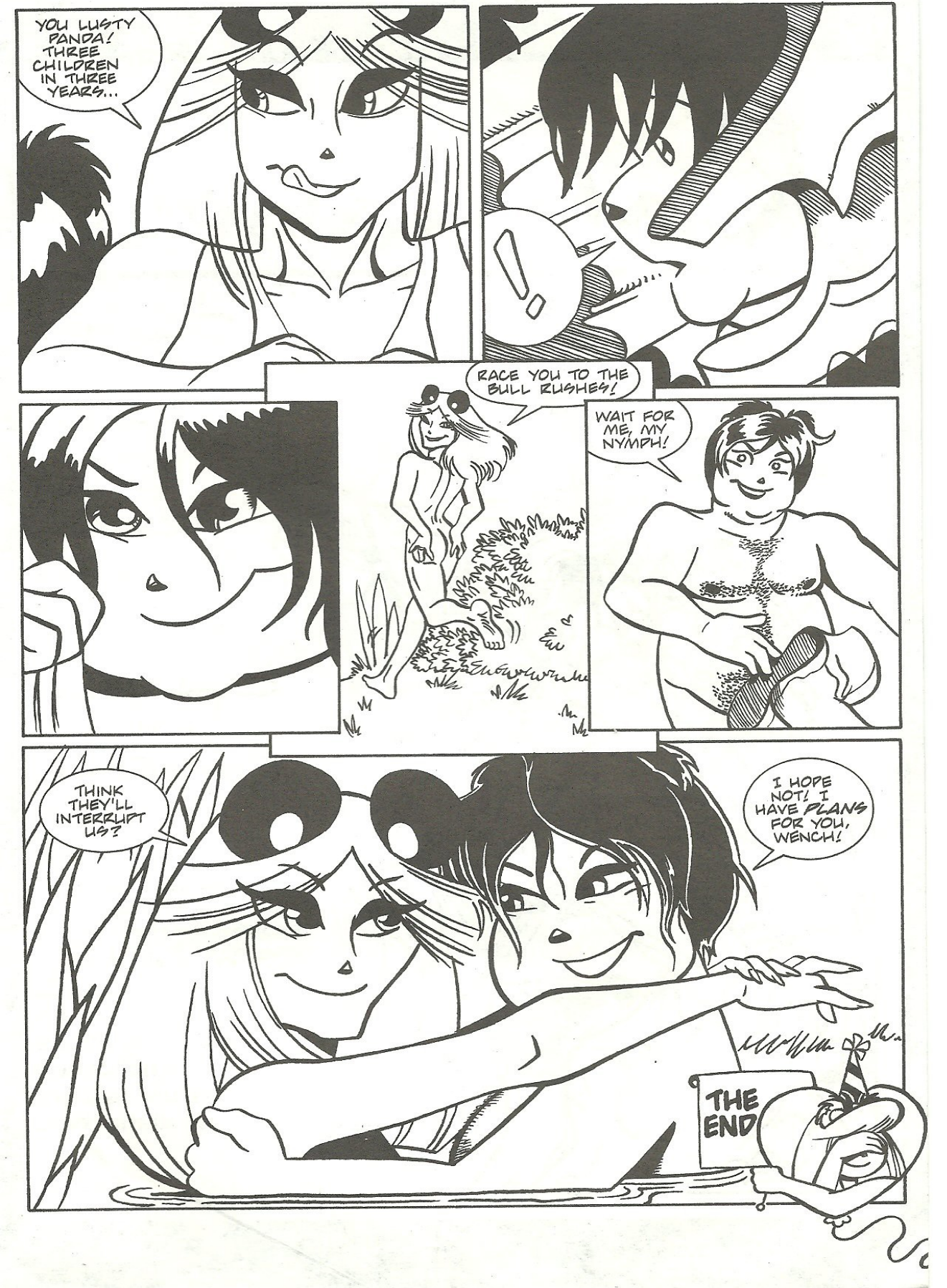

CHIRRUP! CHIRRUP!
NOW HOW WAS THAT FOR A BIRTHDAY PRESENT?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST GOING TO KISS ME.
YOU LIKED IT. I COULD TELL!
CAN'T HIDE IT FROM YOU!
CHIRRUP! CHIRRUP!
IS THAT DOUBLE R COMING?
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
SHANDA! YOUR SISTERS STOLE MY TRUNKS!
WATCH OUT FOR BITING FISH, RICHARD. THEY LOVE WORMS!
TERRI! STOP THAT!


WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
TERRI, WOULD YOU LEAVE MY SWIMSUIT ON THE PIER?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
TRY TO CALM RICHARD DOWN. BEING IN THE WATER EXCITES HIM!
SHANDA!
JAN, IT'S HUGE! AND STRIPED!
THINK THEY'RE DOING IT?
I DON'T KNOW...
IS THAT SHANDA'S SUIT, TERRI?
YEAH. THEY'RE SKINNY-DIPPING.
OOH.
KERI! NOBODY'S AROUND! LET'S DO IT TOO!
OKAY. WE'LL LEAVE OUR SUITS HERE.


TERRI, YOU GOING WITH US?
I DON'T KNOW.
COME ON! YOU'RE NOT CHUBBY LIKE ME!
KERI, YOU LOOK FINE. STOP THAT!
YOU TWO ARE BATS!
NO, WE'RE NOT! WE'RE PANDAS! WE'RE RARE, YOU KNOW!

ARE THEY SKINNYDIPPING?
UH-HUH.
WHERE'S SHANDA AND RICHARD?


OVER BY THOSE TREES. SHE'S LIKE HER FATHER.
OH?


YOU LUSTY PANDA! THREE CHILDREN IN THREE YEARS...
RACE YOU TO THE BULL RUSHES!
WAIT FOR ME, MY NYMPH!
THINK THEY'LL INTERRUPT US?
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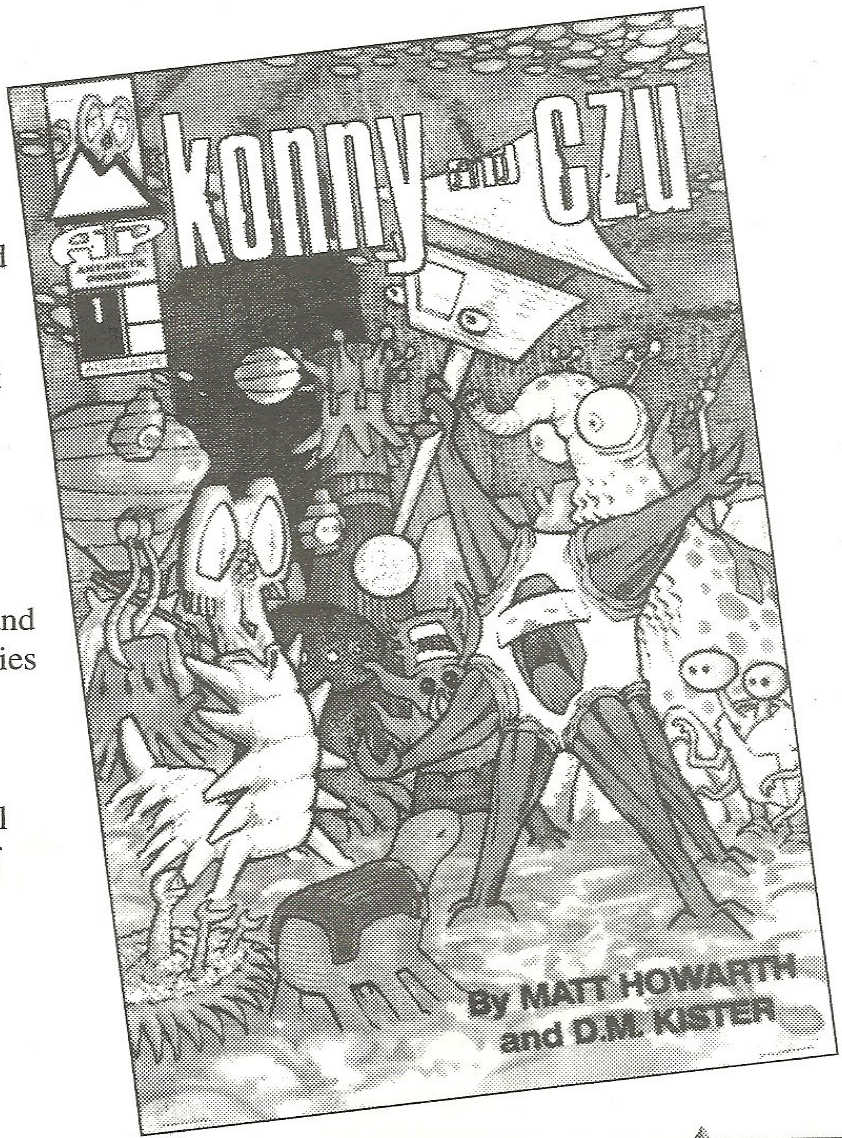

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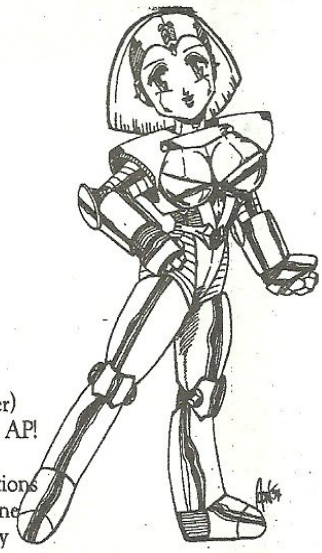

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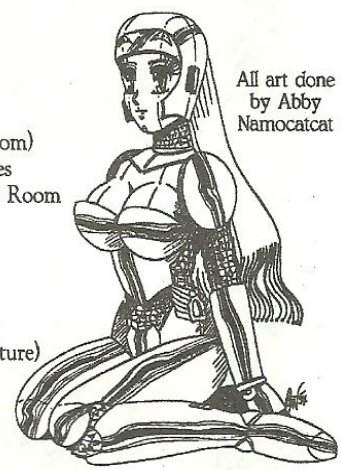

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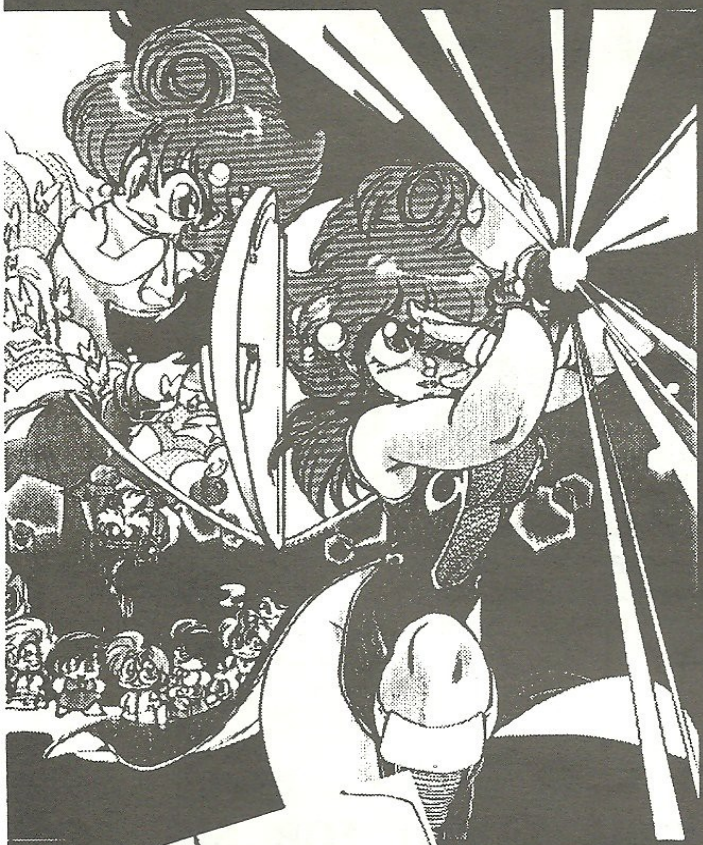

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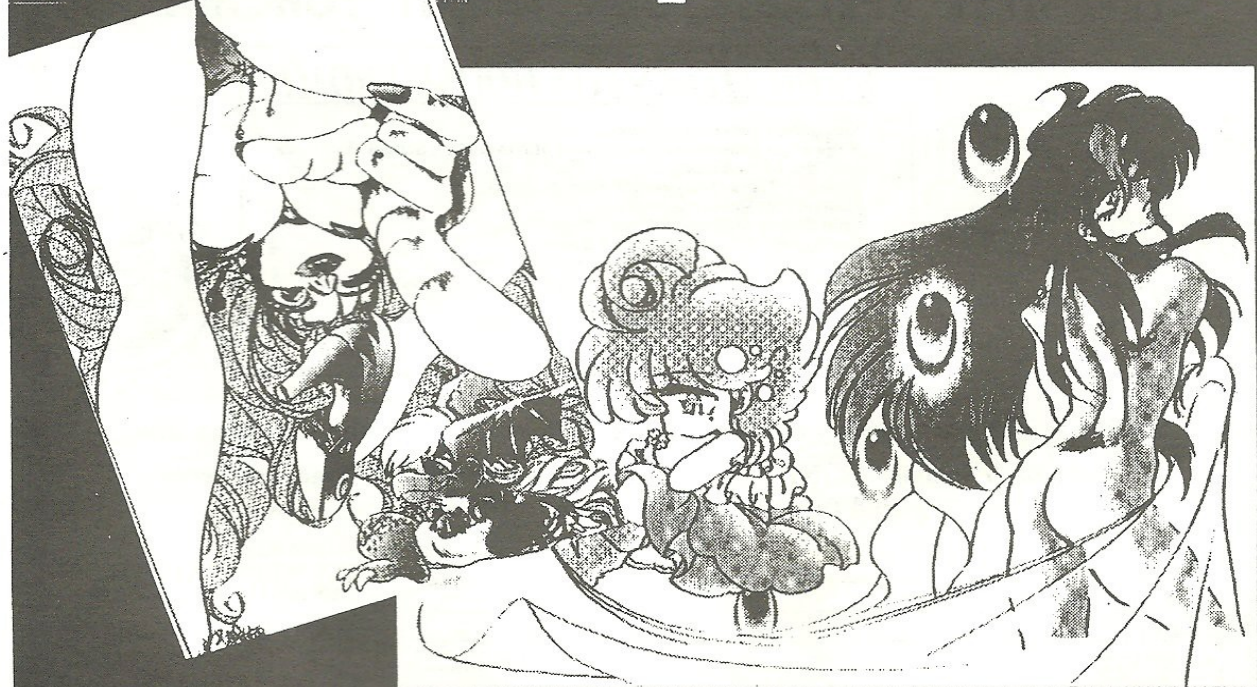

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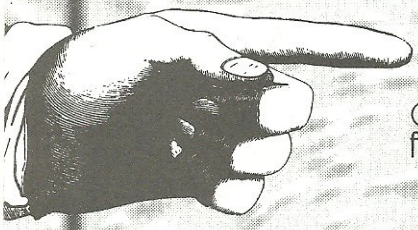

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